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ATTENTION ARTISTS:

Again this year the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is accepting entries for the annual Pheasant Stamp Design Contest.

Enclosed you should find a copy of the "2007 Pheasant Stamp Design Contest Reproduction Rights Agreement" and the "2007 Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Design Contest Rules". **Entries will be accepted from September 5th until October 23rd, 2006. Please note the change in the deadline from previous years!** Judging will take place approximately one week after the deadline. Information on a judging date and time will be sent out as quickly as possible as the deadline approaches. No other changes have occurred in the contest rules this year but please read over the instructions carefully.

Remember to use caution when mounting your artwork. In years past, some entries have had problems with the plastic covering sticking to the paint finish. Some artists have double-matted their artwork to help keep the plastic away from the paint. Also, remember to mail the "Reproduction Rights Agreement" in a separate envelope.

If you have any questions, please call the Assistant Upland Wildlife Ecologist at (608) 261-8458. Good luck! And we anxiously await your entry!

WDNR Bureau of Wildlife Management

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
2007 WISCONSIN PHEASANT STAMP DESIGN CONTEST RULES

I. Contest Eligibility:

Any person 18 years of age or older who is a legal resident of the State of Wisconsin shall be eligible to submit an entry in the Pheasant Stamp Design Contest. Only one (1) entry may be submitted by each contestant. Any member of the contest judging panel or any member of his or her immediate family is ineligible to enter. **ANY PERSON WHO HAS WON THE PHEASANT STAMP DESIGN CONTEST DURING THE PRECEDING TWO (2) YEAR'S IS ALSO INELIGIBLE.**

II. Contest Dates:

The contest to select the design for the 2007 Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp shall open for entries starting **September 5, 2006**. Entries will be accepted any time after **September 5, 2006**, but must be received or postmarked no later than **October 23, 2006**.

III. Restrictions of Subject Matter:

The design must be the artist's original creation and shall not be copied or duplicated from previously published art, including published photographs. The subject species shall be the ring-necked pheasant. The subject will appear in some setting of the environment in which it is found in Wisconsin.

IV. Suitability of Entry for Reproduction:

Artists shall not be limited in the choice of colors or medium. The medium selected must be of permanent quality, such as pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching or pencil and should be rendered with full attention to tone, detail and anatomical accuracy. Metallic paints and fluorescent paints should not be used, as the printing ink used to reproduce the actual stamps will not contain metallic particles or fluorescent properties.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources lettering will appear on the finished stamp, but DO NOT try to fit in the words on your entry.

V. Technical Requirement for Entry:

The design shall be horizontal in the exact proportion of 8" high by 10" wide. It must be matted to a size of 10" high and 12" wide. No lettering or scroll work including the artist's signature is permitted on the front or back of the design itself. The only visible identification mark on each entry at the time of judging will be the number assigned the entry by the contest coordinator.

VI. Submission Procedures:

Every entry must be mounted with white matting as described in Section V above and protected by a covering of non-glare mat acetate or other clear material. No entry will be accepted that is in a wooden frame or is under glass. **WARNING: Over the last few years, many entries have had problems with the plastic covering sticking to the paint finish. Consider this when covering your art. You may wish to mat to double thickness.**

Each entry is to be securely wrapped and mailed by registered or certified mail, or hand delivered to: Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Contest, Bureau of Wildlife Management (WM/6), P. O. Box 7921 (101 S. Webster St.), Madison, WI 53707-7921. The top one-half of the third page of the application form must be taped to the back of the entry on the outside of the acetate or clear covering. The bottom half is to be mailed with your entry.

Each contestant must also send, **in a separate envelope or hand delivered**, the signed Pheasant Stamp Design Contest Reproduction Rights Agreement certifying the originality of their entry and acknowledging their acceptance of the terms and conditions governing the exclusive right of the Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources to reproduce the winning artwork. All entries will be processed by DNR based on the date of receipt. The contest coordinator will supervise the processing of entries, assign numbers to each entry, set up displays for judging, and supervise the return of all entries at the completion of the contest.

VII. Insurance Needs for Entries:

All contestants are advised that it is their responsibility to obtain adequate property insurance for their respective entry. THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILL NOT INSURE ANY ENTRY IT RECEIVES AND WILL NOT BE HELD LIABLE FOR THE DAMAGE, LOSS OR THEFT OF ANY ENTRY.

VIII. Failure to Comply with Contest Rules:

Any entry that fails to comply with any of the requirements of the contest shall be disqualified and will not be considered by the judging panel.

IX. Selection of Judging Panel:

There will be a panel of three to five judges appointed by the Director, Bureau of Wildlife Management. The judges will be selected to provide a representative cross-section of individuals with expertise and an interest in pheasants or wildlife art. Judges selected will serve without compensation.

X. Date and Location of the Contest Judging:

Selection of the contest winner will take place approximately one week from the closing contest date. The exact details of time and place will be announced approximately one week prior to the annual judging.

XI. Judging Procedure and Scoring:

All entries will be judged on anatomical accuracy, proper habitat setting, artistic composition and perspective, and suitability for reproduction. They should lend themselves to reproduction with the fullest possible attention to tone and detail.

The judging procedure will be as follows:

Step 1: All entries meeting the design contest rules will be examined by the judging panel. Each judge may nominate an unlimited number of entries for inclusion in the second step of the judging procedure.

Step 2: The judges will rate each entry on a scale of 10 to 1 (10 being high and 1 low). The entries receiving the 10 highest scores will be advanced to the third and final step.

Step 3: The judges will then rank the 10 "finalists" listing their choices from 1 (high) to 10. The entry with the lowest total shall be declared the first place winner.

In case of ties in either Steps 2 or 3, judges will rejudge only those entries tied for last place in Step 2 or first place in Step 3 according to the procedures listed under that step.

Scores in all steps of the judging procedure will be tabulated by the contest coordinator. The selection of the winning entry by the judges will be final. All contestants will be notified of the name of the winning artist and design. The first place winner will receive a special plaque and a select number of the 'stamp' reproductions from their winning contest entry. The runners-up will receive a certificate of recognition.

XII. Top 10 Entries:

Following the contest, the Department has the option of holding the top ten (10) entries for publicity purposes for up to six (6) months.

Entry No. _____
(For DNR Use)

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**2007 PHEASANT STAMP DESIGN CONTEST
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS AGREEMENT**

I enter into this agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, hereinafter referred to as the DNR, and submit an original design to the Pheasant Stamp Design Contest, Bureau of Wildlife Management (WM/6), Box 7921, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7921, for consideration as the artwork to be used for the Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp during the 2007 pheasant season, subject to all of the following conditions:

1. The DNR is not liable for any damage, theft or loss which may occur to any entry. It is advisable that contestants insure their entry and send it by registered mail.
2. The winning design, as prepared by the artist and submitted to the DNR, may be retained by the DNR until such time as plates of the 2007 Pheasant Stamps and Prints have been completed by contracted printing vendors.
3. The artist understands and agrees that the top ten (10) entries in the contest may be retained by the DNR for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date of judging. The DNR will return all entries to their respective artists.
4. The DNR is granted the exclusive right to produce pheasant stamps through contracted printing vendors which may be copied and reproduced by DNR and such copies and reproductions may be published, sold and otherwise distributed exclusively by DNR, or its designees.
5. Ownership of the original design may be retained by the artist and it may be copyrighted, copied, reproduced, published or otherwise distributed by the artist with any other person, corporation or company, covering the use of said design subject to the right of the DNR.
6. The DNR reserves the right to utilize the contest winning artwork reproductions in such promotional programs as are deemed necessary and useful, including those programs used in fund raising. The DNR also reserves the right to use photographs of any entry for publicity purposes.
7. Any and all reproductions of the design made or authorized by the DNR under the terms of this agreement, except the reproduction and printing of the Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp, specifically shall refer to the fact that the original thereof has been designed by the artist.
8. I hereby affirm that this entry is a work of my own creation, neither copied nor duplicated from previously published art, including paintings, drawings in any medium or published photographs. I agree that any consideration or compensation paid to me under this agreement shall be forfeited for violation of this condition.
9. I understand that lettering and possibly the DNR logo will be added to the graphic plates when the stamps are printed.
10. I certify that I have not been convicted of bribery or attempting to bribe an officer or employee of DNR nor have I made an admission of guilt of such conduct which is a matter of record.
11. I declare that I am 18 years of age or older and I am a resident of the State of Wisconsin.
12. In connection with the performance of work under this Contract, the artist agrees not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability as defined in s. 51.01(5), sexual orientation or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other form of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Except with respect to sexual orientation, the artist further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities.

The artist agrees to post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.

Contracts estimated to be ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more require the submission of a written affirmative action plan. Contractors with an annual work force of less than ten (10) employees are exempted from this requirement.

13. If the artist ceases to exist, in fact or by law, the DNR may immediately terminate this agreement and without waiving any remedies available to it, perform the agreement.

(DNR Completes This Column)

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary:

By: _____
Director, Bureau of Wildlife Management

Date: _____

(Artist Completes This Column)

Artist's Signature

Artist's Name (Please Print)

Address

City and Zip Code

Home Phone () _____

Employment Phone () _____

Date _____

Please attach this portion of the agreement to the back of your entry.

Mail to: Wisconsin Pheasant Stamp Contest
Bureau of Wildlife Management (WM/6)
101 S. Webster Street
PO Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707-7921

Entry No. _____: Entry for 2007 Pheasant Stamp Design Contest
(DNR will complete)

By: _____
Contest Coordinator or Representative

Date

Please enclose this portion of the agreement with your entry.

Entry No. : _____
(DNR will complete)

Artist's Name

Return to:
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Address

City and Zip Code

Home Phone

Employment Phone

Date